

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE PROMOTION OF
AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT GEN-
ERAL STAYCE D. HARRIS

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 18, 2017

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the accomplishments of Lieutenant General Stayce D. Harris, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff in the United States Air Force.

Born in Los Angeles, California, to a military family, Stayce Harris grew up with a love for traveling. In 1977 she earned an Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship to study engineering at the University of Southern California (USC).

On graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering in 1981, Harris received a commission in the United States Air Force. She served on active duty until 1991 when she joined the Air Force Reserve. Her military career spanning more than 35 years has included many ground-breaking firsts. For example, in January 2001, she became the first black woman to command a flying squadron in the Air Force. She has earned a number of decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Aerial Achievement Medal, to name only a few.

Harris has sent an example for future generations of women in aviation and STEM fields, including through her involvement with professional associations, like the Air Force Association, Reserve Officers Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Women Military Aviators, and the American Legion. Not only is she a decorated member of the military, she went on to fly in the private airline industry, one of the few female commercial pilots, and one of the first women to be an airline captain.

On August 19, 2016 Harris was named Lieutenant General, thereby becoming the first African-American woman to hold a three star rank in the Air Force. Her leadership and accomplishments have led her alma mater, USC, to create the Stayce D. Harris Award. Every year, the award is given to an ROTC cadet who exhibits extraordinary perseverance in the face of adversity.

Today, Harris continues to serve our country with grace and dedication. I wish her many years of continued success and achievement.

HONORING DOCTOR ARNETT
ROGIER'S FIFTEEN YEARS OF
SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND
HIS HONORABLE RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNITED STATES DE-
PARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-
FAIRS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 18, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Arnett Rogiers on his retirement from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs after 15 years of faithful service to our country in addition to his 20 years of honorable service in the United States Marine Corps. An esteemed and respected member of the Federal Civil Service, Dr. Rogiers most recently served as a supervisory procurement resource specialist and program analyst. In this capacity, he oversaw and led a select team responsible for refining requirements for multi-million dollar contracting actions within the Strategic Acquisition Center for the Department of Veterans Affairs. His efforts have helped thousands of disabled veterans through assisting in awarding contracts that directly benefitted their medical care and well-being.

Dr. Rogiers' distinguished career began when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1974. He began his Marine career as an engineer equipment operator, transitioned to become a military policeman, was also a Marine recruiter, and eventually served as a Utilities Construction Chief. He has served in California, Hawaii, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and overseas in the Middle East during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He retired as a Gunnery Sergeant after 20 years in 1994.

Dr. Rogiers continued his selfless devotion to serving his country as a Federal civil servant first with the U.S. Marshals Service filling the role of a contract specialist and contract officer. He then worked for the U.S. Army Contracting Agency as a senior contract specialist, and taking a promotion in the Federal Communications Commission, he ably served as the Chief of Contracts and Purchasing. Most recently, Dr. Rogiers has tirelessly devoted his energies for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a supervisory procurement resource specialist and program analyst for the Strategic Acquisition Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

In his spare time, he has attained three Master's Degrees, in Public Administration, Religion, and Divinity and also a Doctorate of Pastoral Leadership. His intent is to lead a congregation in Florida as he and his wife move to the Sunshine State.

As Dr. Rogiers embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has recently made to the United States Department of Vet-

erans Affairs. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 88TH REGIONAL
SUPPORT COMMAND 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 18, 2017

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I honor the 100th Anniversary of the 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) celebrated at Fort McCoy on Saturday August 19, 2017.

The 88th RSC has a proud and storied history whose lineage and honors transferred from the 88th Infantry Division (ID). The streamers earned by the 88th ID in World War I and II are now flown with the 88th RSC flag. The 88th ID was organized on 25 August 1917, at Camp Dodge, IA. During World War I, the men of the "Cloverleaf Division", as they were called, earned a streamer for the Alsace Campaign. The Division returned to Camp Dodge and was demobilized on 10 June 1919.

On 24 June 1921, the 88th ID was reconstituted in the Organized Reserve with its headquarters in Minneapolis, MN, and with subordinate units in Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota. After reorganization in February 1942, the 88th ID was ordered to active service on 15 July 1942, at Camp Gruber, OK. After training in several locations in the United States and overseas, the 88th ID entered the front line on 27 February 1944 in the Italian Campaign. For its service in Italy, the 88th ID was awarded campaign streamers for the Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley Campaigns. The 88th ID earned a reputation as a well-trained and effective division, earning the nickname "Blue Devils" from the Germans. The 88th ID was inactivated at Leghorn, Italy on October 24, 1947.

On 26 December 1967, the 88th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) was activated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had Command of USAR units in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa. The 88th ARCOM sent units to the Republic of Vietnam (1968–1969), Desert Shield/Storm (1990–1991), and Bosnia-Herzegovina in the former country of Yugoslavia (1995).

On 16 April 1996, the 88th ARCOM was redesignated and reorganized as the 8th RSC with Command of USAR units in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The 88th RSC mobilized units for Bosnia and Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). On 16 July 2003, the 88th RSC was redesignated as the 88th Regional Readiness Command (RRC), and was inactivated 1 July 2009. The 88th RSC was activated 17 September 2008, and today supports USAR units in 19 states from Ohio to Washington.

I am honored that the 88th RSC is headquartered in my congressional district. I

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